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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN BMENA FORUM FOR THE  
FUTURE MOSCOW MEETING

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1. Minister Plenipotentiary Sergio Scarantino will represent Italy at the second planning meeting for the 2006 BMENA Forum for the Future in Moscow on May 29 - 30. Scarantino will attend both days of the meeting.

2. Scarantino told polmiloff that, at the meeting, he will present an Italian proposal for a conference on dialog and pluralism to take place in Rome in 2007. Among other subjects, the conference would address issues arising from the recent cartoon controversy. Italy hopes that Turkey will join it in making the proposal.  
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